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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA

1. HARDEN OF UKUN REPORTED TO POLSEC OFFICERS ON JUNE 20 THAT LONDON RESPONSE TO US DRAFT LETTER TO SC AND DRAFT RESOLUTION FAVORABLE. UK WILL COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO HARDEN, UKUN MADE THREE SUGGESTIONS TO LONDON WHEN REPORTING DRAFTS AND LONDON COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

A) LONDON AGREES WITH UKUN THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION AND INSCRIPTION LETTER SHOULD GIVE LESS EMPHASIS TO EXPECTATION THAT ACTIONS BY PARTIES CONCERNED WILL BE PRECEDED BY ACTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL. SHOULD CHINESE MAKE THEIR INTENTION TO PREVENT SC FROM TAKING ACTION SO MANIFEST, IT WOULD THEN BE INAPPROPRIATE TO TABLE RESOLUTION DRAFTED IN ITS PRESENT FORM. COMMENT: USUN AGREES.

B) LONDON ALSO AGREES WITH UKUN THAT BECAUSE DRAFT RESOLUTION ENVISAGES A TIMETABLE FOR CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES AND DISSOLUTION OF UNC BY JANUARY 1, 1976, IT WOULD APPEAR WISE IN TERMS OF
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CREDIBILITY OUR POSITION TO INCLUDE IN INSCRIPTION

LETTER A REQUEST THAT KOREAN ITEM BE TREATED AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY AND THAT IT BE TAKEN UP "EARLY IN 30TH SESSION." ACCORDING TO HARDEN, NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTS THIS SUGGESTION. USUN ALSO BELIEVES THIS HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT.

C) UKUN SUGGESTED TO LONDON THAT PERHAPS TIME MIGHT YET COME WHEN UNILATERAL DISSOLUTION OF UNC MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. LONDON REPLIED THAT THEY DOUBTED WASHINGTON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING SIGNAL TO OTHER SIDE THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE DISSOLUTION OF COMMAND WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. HARDEN INDICATED THAT LONDON WOULD NOT WISH UKUN TO PRESS US ON THIS SUGGESTION AND EXPRESSED THEIR OUW DOUBTS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF UNILATERAL ACTION ON COMMAND.

2. HARDEN SAID BRITISH AND DUTCH FELT EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE AT EC MEETING JUNE 20 WHEN TOPIC OF MEETING TURNED OUT TO BE KOREA. HARDEN SUGGESTED THAT CORE GROUP CONSIDER TAKING OTHER EC MEMBERS INTO CONFIDENCE WITH REGARD OUR PLANNING ON KOREA ISSUE. SHE POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEEK THEIR COSPONSORSHIP AT THIS TIME AND IN FACT ADDITIONAL WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD UNBALANCE COMPOSITION OF ORIGINAL COSPONSORING GROUP BUT THAT SHOULD WE TAKE THEM INTO OUR CONFIDENCE NOW IT MIGHT ENSURE THEIR LATER COSPONSORSHIP AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SUPPORT OUR POSITION. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO INCUR ADDITIONAL RISK OF LEAKS, BUT WOULD RECONSIDER IF IT APPEARS THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN CONVENING "GROUP OF TWENTY."
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